

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO				<i>Complete If Known</i>	
				Application Number	Not Yet Assigned 107520248
				Filing Date	Concurrently Herewith
				First Named Inventor	Hiroo Yanahara
				Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned
				Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	19036/40255

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation Document ³
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY		
RC		EP-0 231 591	08-12-1987	Todd	Abstract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		JP-07-051410	02-28-1995	Mitsuru	Abstract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		JP-05-20767	03-19-1993		Computer Trans. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RC		JP-63-133257	08-31-1988		Not Available

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.18 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			²
RC		International Search Report by the Japanese Patent Office (in Japanese - no translation available) for International Patent Application PCT/JP02/07151 dated 29.10.2002.			

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature	/Raleigh Chiu/	Date Considered	05/11/2006
--------------------	----------------	-----------------	------------